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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the prices of agricultural commodities are crashing below the minimum support price in the country particularly in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to introduce quantitative restrictions on agricultural commodities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The wholesale prices of certain agricultural commodities are ruling below the minimum support prices (MSPs) at some selected centres in the country, including those in Karnataka.

(b)&(c): Though there is no proposal to introduce quantitative restrictions. The Government has put in place a suitable mechanism for monitoring the imports of agricultural commodities, and is committed to providing adequate protection to the domestic farmers against the indiscriminate imports by resorting to various WTO compatible measures which include appropriate calibration of applied tariffs within the bound level, imposition of anti-dumping and countervailing duties and safeguard action under certain specified circumstances.